

Nos. 97, 100, 103. ♂ ad., ♀ imm. Efulen, March 24, 27, 1903.

Nos. 214, 216. ♂ ad., ♀ juv. Efulen, Nov. 1, 1903.

No. 703. ♂ ad. River Ja, June 17, 1904.

Specimens killed at different times of the year seem to vary very little as regards colour, the sexes being practically alike, with a little more or less olive on the upper parts. Young birds in March have orange spots on the wing-coverts, whitish throats, and a pale orange lower throat and fore-neck. It is rather curious that this species should also occur on the River Ja.

57. *STIPHORNIS XANTHOGASTER*. (Plate IX.)

Stiphornis xanthogaster Sharpe, Bull. B. O. C. xiv. p. 19 (1903).

No. 50. Juv.; No. 62. ♂ ad. River Ja, Feb. 1902.

Nos. 518, 526. ♂ ♀ ad. River Ja, May 17, 18, 1904.

This species is easily distinguished from *S. gabonensis* by its sulphur-yellow breast and abdomen, the tint being a little paler in the young bird.

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XXX.—*Anniversary Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union, 1905.*

THE Annual Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union for this year was held on May 24th. In the absence of the President, who was abroad, the Chair was taken by Dr. P. L. Selater, F.R.S.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Committee announced the continued prosperity of the Union during the past year, both as to Membership and as regards its finances.

The volume of 'The Ibis' for 1904 was the fourth of the eighth series, under the joint Editorship of Mr. P. L. Selater, D.Sc., F.R.S., and Mr. A. H. Evans, M.A. It contained 701 pages, and was illustrated with 11 coloured plates and 1 uncoloured plate.

With much regret the Committee reported the deaths of six Ordinary Members of the Union:—Mr. Frederick O. Pickard-Cambridge, Lt.-Col. L. Howard Irby, Mr. J. A. Luttmann-Johnson, Col. P. W. L'Estrange, Mr. Edward Neale, and Mr. Edward Cavendish Taylor.

Three Members had resigned since the last Annual Meeting and the names of two others had been removed.

At the date of the Meeting the Union consisted of 395 Ordinary Members, 2 Extra-Ordinary Members, 10 Honorary Members, 4 Colonial Members, and 19 Foreign Members.

The Report having been received, the Meeting proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, when it was announced that Dr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., had been re-elected President, and Mr. Howard Saunders, Secretary; also that Mr. Henry E. Dresser had been elected a Member of the Committee in the place of Mr. W. E. de Winton, who had retired by rotation.

The following twenty-two gentlemen were then balloted for and elected Ordinary Members:—H. Peters Bone, 24 Devonshire Place, W.; Anthony Buxton, Knighton, Buckhurst Hill; Lt.-Col. A. Collins, C.B., M.V.O., Cow Leaze, Hayling Island; Kenneth J. A. Davis, Julian Hill, Harrow, and King's College, Cambridge; The Hon. and Rev. Canon F. G. Dutton, Bibury, Fairford; Guy L'Estrange Ewen, St. James's Club, Piccadilly (King's Messenger); Leonard E. Goodyer, 9 Clare Road, Levenshulme, Manchester; John Clarke Hawkshaw, M.A., M.I.C.E., Hollycombe, Liphook, Hants; Capt. Albert E. Hamerton, R.A.M.C., D.S.O., Ferozepur, Punjab, India; Frederick W. Headley, Haileybury College, Herts; Carl E. Hellmayr, Zoological Museum, Tring, Herts; Emilin Hopkinson, M.B., D.S.O., 45 Sussex Square, Brighton; Edwin J. Johnstone, Junior Carlton Club, S.W.; The Hon. Gerald Legge, 10 Charles Street, Berkeley Square, W.; H. Boughton Leigh, Brownover Hall, Rugby; Hofrath Paul Leverkühn, M.D., The Palace, Sofia, Bulgaria; The Lord Lovat, C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Beaufort Castle, Beaulieu, N.B.; James McGregor, H.B.M. Consul, Monastir, Turkey-in-Europe; Thomas Middlemore, Melsetter,

Orkney; Capt. A. E. St. Vincent Pollard, Border Regt., Royal Military College, Camberley, Surrey; Harold Schwann, 4 Princes Gardens, S.W., and Lionel E. Taylor, Irene District, Pretoria, Transvaal.

Mr. John Macoun, M.A., F.R.S.C., Naturalist to the Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, and Mr. Alfred D. Millar, 298 Smith Street, Durban, Natal, were elected Colonial Members; and Mr. Harry C. Oberholser, of the Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., was elected a Foreign Member.

After a vote of thanks to the Council of the Zoological Society of London for the use of their rooms had been unanimously agreed to, the Meeting adjourned.

XXXI.—*Notices of recent Ornithological Publications.*

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60. *Alphéraky on Palearctic Geese.*

[The Geese of Europe and Asia, being the Description of most of the Old World Species. By Sergius Alphéraky. With Twenty-four coloured Plates by F. W. Frohawk, and Frontispiece by Dr. P. P. Sushkin. 4to. 198 pp. London: Rowland Ward, Ltd., 1905. Price £3 3s.]

This translation of M. Alphéraky's "*Gusi Rossii*," published in Russia in 1904, will be very acceptable to the many students of Palearctic birds who are not able to comprehend the language in which the original was issued.

M. Alphéraky's general arrangement of the Palearctic Geese does not deviate much from that of Count Salvadori published in the twenty-seventh volume of the 'Catalogue of Birds.' But he uses many more generic names and introduces us to several species not generally recognised.

The series is commenced with the Snow-Geese (*Chen*), of which two Palearctic species (*Chen nivalis* and *C. hyperboreus*), differing only in size, are somewhat doubtfully allowed. Then follows the Emperor Goose (*Philacte canagica*), well known in Alaska, which occurs in the extreme east of Northern Asia. The genus *Anser* comes next; but